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## Newsletter #79:

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Hi everyone! I hope that you are continuing to enjoy your summer. We are under two weeks away from the ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia. I'm looking forward to seeing some of my colleagues from around world, as well as those collectors that find the time to travel to the show. I've been attending ANA shows since I was a baby (ask my mother when you see her with me at the bourse!). As a kid I remember looking forward to traveling to different cities in the U.S. with my Dad and making a boat load of money by paging. Some of those dealers that paid me to clean their cases or get them a snack are still alive, well and working those shows. The ANA is truly a meeting place for a small, but geographically expansive group of people. Next year the show comes back to my hometown of Chicago. Hopefully one or both of my sons will page at the show just as I did. This year we will enjoy the wonderful city of Philadelphia. For PNG day I am at table 412 and the ANA at table 1428. If you decide to arrive for the PNG day please get in touch with me via email or text and I can give you free entry to the show. Hope to see some of you there!

### ANA Auctions

I've mentioned this already in the last few newsletters so I will simply list the auctions that have ancient portions below. If you want my assistance for viewing and/or bidding please get in touch. I also willing and able to view any world coins.

**Stacks Bowers & Ponterio WFOM Auction**  
(August 14 - 9 a.m. EST (Lots 20,001-20,653))

**Heritage Auctions WFOM Platinum Night**  
August 17 - 6 p.m. EST (Lots 30001-30453)

Fall European auctions that I will attend and/or view

The catalogs are not yet out for any of the auctions but I would expect to see something by the end of August hit our emails and snail mail boxes. The confirmed auctions for the moment are:

**NAC (Zurich): September 24.**

I noticed that NAC has now listed the specific collections that are to be auctioned. It looks to be an interesting group. Auction 110 is The Jean L. Collection of Greek Coins and Auction 111 is "An interesting series of Roman Gold Coins featuring the Collection of a Retired European Banker and the Pierre Bastien Collection".

**Roma (London): September 26.**

I understand from the Roma folks that this catalog will contain a substantial group of Etruscan and Tarsiote coins. Once I get more information on the remainder of the catalog I will inform you. The Roma auction is a few days prior to Coinex so it will be easy to travel to if you are at NAC or if you conversely want to attend Coinex and choose to come in a few days earlier.

**Künker (Osnabrück): October 8-12.**

I will be traveling to beautiful Osnabrück to view and bid in their auction just after Coinex in London. Catalogs are not yet out but as soon as they are I will be informing you.

**Gorny & Mosch (Munich): October 15-17.**

My last stop on the European tour is in Munich where G&M will hold their auctions 257-259. Once the catalogs become available I will let you know.

**Nomos (Zurich): October 26.**

While I won't be able to attend the auction I will be going through the entire auction when I visit Zurich in September for NAC. The catalogs are not yet out but I will inform you once they are available.

**Leu Numismatik (Zurich): October 27.**

Once the catalogs come out I can take viewing notes for specific lots but I intend to view the auction in its entirety and phone and/or bid online on the 27th.

### **Ulla Westermark book on the Coinage of Akragas**

Ulla Westermark, a distinguished academic from Sweden, has published a comprehensive study on the coinage of Akragas. A wonderful article written by Coinsweekly discusses Ms. Westermark's long journey in getting the two-volume set published. It is available for a reasonable amount through Uppsala University in Sweden. Here is a link for purchasing the book and also a link to the article in Coinsweekly. I encourage you to purchase a copy for your library if you have any interest in the beautiful coinage of Akragas.

<http://acta.mamutweb.com/Shop/List/-Studia-numismatica-Upsaliensia-ISSN-1652-7232/66/1>

<http://www.coinsweekly.com/en/News/Book-on-Akragas-by-Ulla-Westermark-published/4?&id=5528>

### **Getting up to date numismatic news**

First of all, there is a lot of information on the net and as we all know, a fair amount (and I'm being kind here) is garbage. For numismatic news there are places you can go

for specialized information on all areas of numismatics but there is one site that I highly recommend for one stop updates. Coinsweekly is hands down my favorite place to get the lowdown on what is going on around the coin world. I also find it incredibly informative when it comes to tutorials and the story behind the coin. Dealers can run ads on the site so it isn't entirely free of ad clutter but the coordinators of the site work incredibly fluidly with dealers to use the ads in a thoughtful manner. If you don't get the updates sent to your mailbox I recommend signing up for the weekly newsletters. Here is a link to Coinsweekly:

<http://www.coinsweekly.com/en//7>



### Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/kings-of-thrace-macedonian-lysिमachos-305-281-bc?rq=gk1149>

#### KINGS of THRACE, Macedonian. Lysimachos. 305-281 BC

Alexandria Troas, c. 297/6-282/1 BC. AR Tetradrachm, 17.11g (28.5mm, 12h). Diademed head of the deified Alexander right, with horn of Ammon / Athena Nikephoros seated left, left arm resting on shield, transverse spear in background; ME monogram to inner left, ΘE monogram in exergue

**Price: \$4,250**

*Lysimachos' father served in the court of Philip II of Macedon (father of Alexander III, the Great). It is assumed that Lysimachos and Alexander knew each other and studied together at the same time. In any case, Lysimachos became deeply connected with Alexander and eventually served as one of his bodyguards. After Alexander's death, Lysimachos was given the title of 'strategos' or army leader/general for the area of Thrace. Aside from difficulties with the surrounding tribal people of northern Thrace, the Odrysians, Lysimachos held this post without issue.*

*In 301 BC, along with some of the other Diadochi, Lysimachus helped to overtake and extinguish Antigonos Monophthalmus ('the one-eyed') who held most of Asia Minor and Syria. With this murder, a marked increase in power for Lysimachus was realized. Before that time he really was just a defender of the northern border of the Graeco-Macedonian world. After the death of Antigonos he acquired more land in Asia Minor and took the name of King.*

*This coin was struck in the town of Alexandria Troas. Prior to being named Alexandria Troas, the town was called Antigonion Troas due to its re-founding by Antigonos I in 306 BC (the original name was Sigeia). After Antigonos' death, Lysimachos took the northern coastal Turkish city and honoring his friend and former leader Alexander the Great, renamed the city.*

*References: Thompson 156; Meadows, Earliest 13, dies O8/R2o; Müller –*

*Grade: Good VF, toned. High relief. Rare*

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com)

Until next week!  
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